House District 5

Albert M. Kookesh, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: November 24, 1948

PLACE OF BIRTH: Juneau, Alaska

NAME OF SPOUSE: Sally M. Kookesh

CHILDREN: Elaine, Jaeleen, Reanna, Albert,

Walter

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OCCUPATION: Lodge Owner

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 53 years

Angoon 1948 to present (with the exception

of years spent at school.)

EDUCATION:

Mt. Edgecumbe High School, 1965-1967, diploma; Alaska Methodist University, 1970-1973, B.A.; University of Washington School of Law, 1973-1976, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

State House of Representatives, three terms.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Chair/board member, Sealaska Corporation.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Lions Club, Alaska Native Brotherhood.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Basketball, fishing, hunting, sports.

STATEMENT:

I am a candidate for re-election to House District 5. I have been a strong supporter of education funding, the Alaska Marine Highway funding and giving support for village/community projects and repairs. I have also led in the fight for major funding of maintenance projects in all our schools to provide money mostly for renovation of existing schools.

I am a strong supporter of solving the State of Alaska's fiscal gap and voted for a fiscal plan which did not make it through the Senate. My biggest concern is using the constitutional budget reserve and not being able to replenish it again. I believe in fiscal responsibility for our state and believe the way to get there is through a fiscal plan.

I also believe in the people's desire to see the permanent fund checks continue for Alaska residents.

I was a member of the Legislature when we voted into existence the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) endowment and I continue supporting adding additional money to make the fund self-supporting.

My wife and I were born and raised in Alaska and we've raised our children here. I believe that we must have a vision for Alaska's future generations.